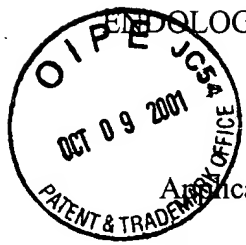


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 21 through 39 without prejudice.

Respectfully submitted,

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